



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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APRIL 18, 2005

DRY WEATHER PROMOTES CROP PROGRESS

Delaware farmers were catching up from wet spring delays last week. Air temperatures were in the low 70's with no reported precipitation. There were **6.2 days suitable for field work** for the week ending **April 17, 2005**. Farmers made good progress with vegetable planting.

Small grains are in mostly good to excellent condition. **Winter wheat** is rated 10 percent fair, 59 percent good, and 31 percent excellent. **Barley** condition is rated 12 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 33 percent excellent.

Pastures are reported in fair to mostly good condition with 1 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 67 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. **Hay supplies** are 7 percent very short, 33 percent short and 60 percent adequate.

DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 17, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Planting Progress:				
Corn	6	4	7	7
Green Peas	39	21	56	57
Potatoes	25	11	38	42
Snap Beans	5	4	13	10
Sweet Corn	15	2	7	9
Fruit Crops Blooming:				
Apples	7	5	22	34
Peaches	35	16	36	56
Strawberries	5	4	15	22

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 17, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	-	86	14
Topsoil (2004)	-	-	56	44
Five Year Average	-	5	52	43
Subsoil Moisture	-	-	93	7
Subsoil (2004)	-	-	66	34
Five Year Average	7	10	51	32

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 17, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.00	12.78	1.53	74	32	51	-3
Easton	0.00	16.52	3.97	71	33	50	-5
Frederick	0.00	11.69	1.48	75	31	50	3
Frostburg	0.00	13.09	0.49	73	31	48	3
Hagerstown	0.00	8.80	-1.22	72	32	50	-2
Mechanicsville	0.01	13.18	0.45	72	29	48	-6
Patuxent River	0.02	12.43	1.19	67	34	50	-5
Ocean City	0.00	13.53	-0.07	62	32	46	-8
Salisbury	0.02	13.24	0.12	70	28	46	-8
Sharpsburg	0.00	11.13	0.92	74	28	48	1
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.01	11.97	1.87	71	40	54	-3
Delaware							
Dover	0.00	13.44	1.37	70	34	48	-6
Georgetown	0.00	11.50	-1.31	72	29	47	-5
Wilmington	0.00	12.71	1.47	74	35	50	-2

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